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ABSTRACT

This book describes the issues that multitype library networks need to know in order to succeed in the new decade, including electronic information, restructuring, distance education, buying clubs and cooperatives, skilled workers, diversifying funding, collaboration, one-stop shopping, accountability, and extraordinary service. The book contains the following chapters: (1) "Complex, Rapidly Changing Electronic Information Environment: Vendor and User Trends in the Library" (Gregory Pronevitz); (2) "Restructuring Work" (David Simmons); (3) "Complete Rethinking of Education: The Effects of Distance Education on Library Networks/Consortia in the Next Five Years" (Sondra Vandermark); (4) "Growth in Buying Clubs and Cooperatives: None of My Members Wants To Pay Full Price for Anything!" (Connie Paul); (5) "High Demand for Skilled Workers: Who's Minding the (Information) Store?" (Jeannette Smithee); (6) "Diversifying Funding: But Will It Turn Profit? Some Thoughts about Entrepreneurialism for Library Systems" (Peter Hamon); (7) "Collaboration, Partnering, and Community Building: Their Impact of Multitype Cooperatives" (Nancy Bolt); (8) "One-Stop Shopping: Struggling in a One-Stop Home-Shopping World, or People Want What They Want When They Want It. (Don't You?)" (Karen Hyman); (9) "Accountability for Results" (Ethel Himmel and Bill Wilson); and (10) "Demand for Extraordinary Service: What Network Trustees Had Better Consider!" (Ellen Miller). Most chapters contain references. (MES)

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